



July 16, 2019

Item No. 2

RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR MOBILITY COUNSELING SERVICES

Presenter(s): Mary Howard, Chief Resident Services Officer

Recommendation

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the Chicago Housing Authority ("CHA") approve execution of a contract with HCP of Illinois, Inc. in an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$6,955,894 for a two-year base term and three (3) one-year option terms to provide mobility counseling services. The Board delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to use his discretion to exercise the option terms. Each option term shall only be exercised at the time of the expiration of the prior contract term, and may only be exercised individually.

Recommended Awardee	Two Year Base Term Contract Value	Option Year Terms	Total Contract Value
HCP of Illinois, Inc.	\$2,675,343	1 st Option: \$1,390,019 2 nd Option: \$1,426,492 3 rd Option: \$1,464,040	\$6,955,894

The requested action complies in all material respects with all applicable federal, state and local laws, and Chicago Housing Authority Board policies. Staff have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative.

Funding

Resident Services Division Budget

Background

As a result of *Gautreaux et al. v Chicago Housing Authority* in 1966, CHA became the first public housing authority to offer a mobility program, known as the Gautreaux Assisted Housing Program. Although the court ordered Gautreaux program ended in 1998, CHA has continued to provide mobility services and currently offers the largest non-court ordered mobility program in the United States. The Mobility Counseling program, implemented through CHA's Resident Services Division since 2012, seeks to increase the number of Housing Choice Voucher ("HCV") participants who live in higher opportunity neighborhoods throughout Chicago. A Mobility Area is a Chicago community area with poverty levels below 20% and low violent crime rates. These

areas have been identified as offering quality housing, diverse neighborhoods, access to better educational and employment opportunities that can assist families towards self-sufficiency.

CHA's Mobility Counseling program is a voluntary program available to participants of the HCV program. Mobility counseling, a key component of the program, is the process of educating and empowering HCV participants to make informed housing decisions based on the benefits of accessing well-performing schools, safe, healthy neighborhoods, and the opportunity to work towards breaking the cycle of poverty over time.

HCV participants that choose to participate in CHA's Mobility Counseling program can utilize their housing subsidy to move to better neighborhoods within the city of Chicago. Through the Mobility Counseling program, participants receive additional education, support, and assistance to move into CHA-designated Mobility Areas. As of 2018, twenty-one percent of HCV households live in a Mobility Area. Eighty-nine percent of households moving to Mobility Areas have remained in a Mobility Area. During the next contract term, HCP of Illinois, Inc. will support approximately 400 families move to Mobility Areas annually.

Procurement Process

- CHA issued RFP Event No. 2660 on February 28, 2019 requesting qualified firms to provide Mobility Counseling Services for CHA residents; the deadline for proposal submission was March 28, 2019.
- Two (2) proposals were submitted and scored by the evaluation committee.
- Proposals were evaluated by a three (3) person committee, based on the following criteria:
 - Approach and Work Plan (maximum 55 points)
 - Experience and Past Performance (maximum 15 points)
 - Qualifications of Key Personnel (maximum 10 points)
 - M/W/DBE and Section 3 Hiring Plan (maximum 10 points)
 - Proposed Fees (maximum 10 points)

Vendor Information

HCP of Illinois, Inc. ("HCP") was created in 1995 by local fair housing agencies to promote racial and economic diversity in housing. HCP's mission is to expand housing choice for very low-income populations and to provide encouragement and support during a move to an opportunity area/mobility area. HCP has provided mobility counseling services for CHA since 2012 and was one of CHA's relocation providers prior to that time. The principal place of HCP business is at 401 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1101, Chicago, IL 60605. HCP also, maintains a satellite office within the CHA Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center located at 4859 S. Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL 60615.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Howard
Chief Resident Services Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-CHA-

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated July 16, 2019 entitled "RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR MOBILITY COUNSELING SERVICES".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY:

THAT, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a contract with HCP of Illinois, Inc. in an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$6,955,894 for a two-year base term and three (3) one-year option terms to provide mobility counseling services. The Board delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to use his discretion to exercise the option terms. Each option term shall only be exercised at the time of the expiration of the prior contract term, and may only be exercised individually.

This award is subject to the Contractor's compliance with the CHA's MBE/WBE/DBE/ Section 3 hiring and insurance requirements.

Eugene E. Jones, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Chicago Housing Authority